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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Office of the Secretary**

**[Docket No. DOT-OST-2015-0194]**

### **Fast Track Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary (OST), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments on revision of a previously approved ICR

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Office of the Secretary (OST) announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval and invites public comment. Executive Order 12862 directs Federal agencies to provide service to the public that matches or exceeds the best service available in the private sector. In order to work continuously to ensure that our programs are effective and meet our customers' needs, the Department of Transportation (DOT) seeks a revision to a fast track generic clearance information collection request already approved by OMB. OST requests revision of ICR with OMB Control Number: 2105-0573 as described below.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by **[INSERT DATE THAT IS 60 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Your comments should be identified by Docket No. DOT-OST-2015-0194 and may be submitted through one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251
- Mail or Hand Delivery: Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

All written comments will be available for public inspection on Regulations.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Habib Azarsina, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, 20590, 202-366-1965 (Voice), 202-366-7870 (Fax), or [habib.azarsina@dot.gov](mailto:habib.azarsina@dot.gov) (E-mail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Fast Track Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

**Abstract:** The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Department's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insight into customer or stakeholder perceptions, opinions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Department of Transportation and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management. Feedback or information collected under

this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population.

The Department seeks a revision to a fast track generic clearance information collection request already approved by OMB. Existence of Fast Track option for conducting surveys has caused a sudden increase in number of surveys. OST has already used the 2000 burden hours previously approved. OST requests increasing the total burden hours to 60,000.

The Department will submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collections are voluntary.
- The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government.
- The collections are noncontroversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies.
- Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future.
- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained.
- Information gathered is intended to be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the Department (if released, the Department must indicate the qualitative nature of the information).

This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential nonresponse bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a previously approved ICR

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households, businesses and organizations, State, Local or Tribal Governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 240,000

*Estimated Annual Responses:* 80,000

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 20,000 hours

*Frequency:* One-time requirement.

Annual burden hours = (80,000 responses) x (15 minutes) = 1,200,000 min = 20,000 hours

Total burden hours for 3 years = 20,000 x 3 = 60,000 hours

Total respondents = 80,000 (each year) x 3 = 240,000

Issued in Washington, DC.

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